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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING CELLULAR TOWERS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2008, the Connecticut Siting Council, upon the request of a
3 municipality, shall develop a local telecommunications coverage
4 assessment for that municipality. Such assessment shall identify
5 locations within said municipality that provide inconsistent or
6 nonexistent telecommunications coverage and an analysis of existing
7 and projected demands for telecommunications coverage within said
8 municipality.

9 (b) On or before January 1, 2008, each provider of
10 telecommunications services, upon the request of the Connecticut
11 Siting Council, shall submit to said council all information concerning
12 (1) locations within a particular municipality that provide inconsistent
13 or nonexistent telecommunications coverage, and (2) said provider's
14 existing and projected demands for telecommunications coverage
15 within said municipality. Such information shall be used solely to
16 prepare the assessment required under subsection (a) of this section.

17 Such information shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom
18 of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

19 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) When notifying a
20 municipality pursuant to section 16-50p of the general statutes of an
21 application for a telecommunications tower in said municipality, the
22 Connecticut Siting Council shall request that the municipality provide
23 to said council, within thirty days, any location preferences or criteria
24 for the siting of said telecommunications tower.

25 (b) When evaluating an application for a telecommunications tower
26 within a particular municipality pursuant to said section 16-50p, the
27 Connecticut Siting Council shall consider any location preferences or
28 criteria (1) provided to the siting council pursuant to subsection (a) of
29 this section, or (2) that may exist in the zoning regulations of said
30 municipality as of the submission date of the application to the council.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ET *Joint Favorable*

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